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In re application of  
Edward J. Van Rengen et al.  
Serial No. 09/964,280  
Filed: September 26, 2001  
For: APPARATUS, SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR TRANSFERRING  
A RUNNING WEB

## DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT, filed April 14, 2003 for failure to respond to the office action dated August 28, 2002. Applicants assert that a proper, timely response was mailed on September 20, 2002.

### DECISION

Since petitioner asserts that a timely response was mailed to the USPTO, the request is accepted as a petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.181 (no fee). A review of the petitioner's evidence provided with the instant petition indicates that the request has merit. The submitted evidence is a copy of the response and certificate of mailing, which indicates that a response was timely filed on September 20, 2002.

Therefore, the Notice of Abandonment dated March 26, 2003 is hereby withdrawn. Hence, the case is returned to pending status. The application shall be returned to the LIE for entering of the response to the restriction requirement. After such is completed, the case will be returned to the examiner for prompt consideration.

The Petition is **GRANTED**.

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